



VISA INTERVIEW

You will have received an appointment letter confirming the date and time that you are required to appear at the Embassy for the visa interview, which you must present to the Security Guard in order to be admitted. Please double-check the date and time of your appointment. You will not be admitted more than 30 minutes prior to the time shown and arriving too late may result in the cancellation of your appointment. You can expect to be at the Embassy for approximately two to three hours. A map showing the Embassy's location can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/location.html>. Important information concerning security requirements at the Embassy is available from http://london.usembassy.gov/visas_security.html. If you fail to follow these security requirements you may face delays or cancellations to your visit.

Appointments will be changed only for **urgent** reasons. A request to reschedule an appointment must be stated in writing and forwarded to the address above. Please note that a visa is usually valid for travel to the United States for six months from the date of issuance.

An applicant who requests another interview date may have to wait several months for another appointment. Such delays can be important should there be a regression in priority dates for certain categories of immigrants. The Embassy has no control over priority dates for certain categories of immigrants and cannot predict their availability. If you do not keep this appointment and we do not hear from you we shall cancel your application.

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE INTERVIEW

Unless already submitted to the National Visa Centre (NVC), everyone must bring the documents listed in the following website reference http://london.usembassy.gov/interview_documents.html. The **ORIGINAL** of each document must be furnished for each applicant regardless of age, including babies. If you wish to have the originals of your documents returned, you must also bring one photocopy of each original document with you.

In addition, if you have not completed the form DS-230, part 2, pages 3 & 4, entitled "Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration" which can be found on our website at the following reference - <http://london.usembassy.gov/visaforms.html>, you will be required to present a completed copy on the day of the interview. Every numbered section must be completed. If any section does not apply in your case, write in "not applicable." Do **NOT** use dashes or the letters "n.a." or other abbreviations. One form must be completed for each member of your family who plans to immigrate with you, regardless of age, including babies. **Do not sign the form. The form must be signed on the day of the interview before the consular officer.**

It is your responsibility to document or correct any biographic discrepancies such as your name in your passport or birth certificate. All corrections must be made before your immigrant visa interview. Failure to do this may prevent us from processing your application for an immigrant visa to a conclusion on the day of the interview.

MEDICAL RESULTS

Your medical results will be sent directly to the Embassy by Knightsbridge Doctors and will take approximately 5 workdays from the date of the examination to be received.

If you have not yet arranged an appointment for your medical examination, you should do so immediately as the medical examination must take place before the visa interview. Please visit <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/medical-examination.html> for further information. You will require your case number in order to book the medical examination.

If you attend the Embassy without having attended the medical examination, the interview will be cancelled and you will be required to reschedule for a later date.

CHILDREN

Children under the age of 14 who are deriving status from a petition filed on behalf of a parent and are applying for visas at the same as the parent, are not required to attend the interview. You may bring their documents with you. They require a passport, if they are not included on your passport, two photographs and a birth certificate. Children aged 14 and over, or children regardless of their age who are the beneficiary of their own petition, must attend the interview. Children regardless of age require a medical examination.

FEES

The fees for an immigrant visa are as follows: Immediate Relative and Family Preference applicants: \$230.00; Employment Preference applicants: \$405.00; Special immigrants including widow/widower of a U.S. citizen: \$220.00 and Diversity Immigrants - \$330. If this fee has not already been paid to the National Visa Centre in the United States, you will be required to pay the fees either in dollars or sterling equivalent for each person applying for a visa at the Embassy on the day of the interview. This fee is not refundable even if the visa applicant is found ineligible for a visa. The fee charged for medical examinations is in addition to the visa fee and is paid directly to the examining physician.

Visa fees may be paid in cash, with a certified money order or by debit or credit card (**AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD or VISA only**).

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No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued to you. A decision cannot be reached as to your eligibility under the law to receive a visa until after your medical examination has been successfully completed, all your documents have been reviewed and found to be in order, and a consular officer has interviewed you. Therefore, you should **NOT** take any irrevocable steps or make final travel arrangements until you receive your visa. The visa is usually valid for travel for a period of six months from the date of issuance.

This office will process your interview as quickly as possible on the day of your visa appointment, but it is a process that will take two to three hours. Once the interview is complete, you will be free to leave the Embassy. **Your issued visa will be returned to you by the Embassy's appointed courier service. The cost for this service begins at £14.75. The courier company accepts debit cards and most credit cards; it does NOT accept cash.**

CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION

Your application for an immigrant visa will be canceled and any petition approved on your behalf will also be canceled one year after your scheduled appointment if you fail to keep your appointment.